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Another tribe is called the Yaghans. These Indians get their living from the sea instead of the land. In appearance they greatly resemble the Onas, with the exception that they are much smaller.

They eat mollusks, fish, birds and fungi. Birds are cooked in an unusual manner by the Yaghans, who put red stones inside them and then plunge them thus heated into the coals.

They also have an original way of roasting eggs. They break a hole in the end of the egg, which is then stood upright in the ashes before the fire. This is turned round and round, that it may be cooked evenly.

The Yaghans are good hunters, the women being excellent fishers. They are more fearless than the men, whom they excel in the management of boats and in swimming their rivers.

POWER OF FALLING WATER.

Stream as Thick as Man's Hand Will Open Human Skull.

It is perfectly well known to every one that water constantly dropping upon a stone will wear it away, and there is a trite old proverb regarding this fact. The force of a single drop of water falling from a height is not great, but the results of this tiny blow when it is many times repeated are astounding, even though we do know that the stone will, in time, yield to their power.

There was a form of torture known to medieval days as the "ordal of dropping water," but the term conveys little idea of the horrible suffering which this punishment is said to inflict.

There is a story of one poor wretch who was bound with his back to a stone wall and had a stream of water "of the bigness of a man's finger" directed onto his bare head, the water falling from a height of about eighteen feet. The receptacle from which this apparently harmless stream trickled was a barrel holding only twenty-odd gallons, but before the water had more than half run out the man was dead, with a hole in his skull which exposed the brain.

By way of experiment, an American, who is mentioned as "a sport and an acrobat," made a wager in Vienna with an athlete that the latter could not endure the falling of a pint of water on his hand, drop by drop, in one spot, from a height of only three feet.

The athlete had an enormous hand, lined with skin almost as thick and tough as cowhide, and all the spectators pronounced the bet a foolish one as far as the American was concerned.

But when about 300 drops had fallen there was a change of sentiment. The athlete did not say a word, but it was very apparent from the flush on his face and his uneasy manner that he was suffering great pain. At the 420th drop he gave up, declaring that he could no longer endure the torture.

The palm of his hand was then badly swollen and rapidly inflaming, and in one spot the skin had broken, exposing the raw flesh beneath.



Or would you go
With line and hook
To tease the fishes
In the brook?

Or with your chums
Go spend the day
A-playing in
The new-mown hay?

Or would you lie
A-dart your back,
Behind some shady
Old straw stack.



And watch the clouds
That lightly soar
Like white ship sails
The blue sky o'er?

Now tell me true,
What would you do
If you were me
And I were you?

What is an American?

The term American is used to designate, specifically, a citizen of the United States, and yet some strict constructionists hold that it might just as reasonably be applied to citizens of South America or of Central America, as they are Americans, too. And they say the same of the two countries. To call the United States of America, however, and its citizens Americans is so well established as a custom that the terms would not be understood if you used them in any other way. There has been some discussion of this question recently, looking to the selection of a better specific term for citizens of the United States, but it is not likely that a change will ever be made.

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Dives and Lazarus.

Some of you may be surprised when told that the name "Dives" is not mentioned in the Bible, and yet you have heard the story of "Dives and Lazarus" time and again, perhaps. Even the preachers give the name Dives to the "certain rich man" of the story. The truth about it is that in the Vulgate, or Latin Bible, the word "dives" is used where the name of the man might have been given; but "dives" is a Latin adjective, meaning "rich," and not a proper noun at all. It is not strange, as the poor man is called Lazarus, that the rich man should be designated by a personal name, but there is no warrant in the original text for doing so.

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